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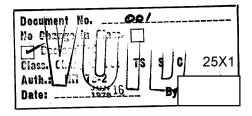
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In the Pearl River Delta and adjacent areas peasants pay taxes to the Communists and get receipts, then aid local guerrillas to raid Communist granaries and kill tax collectors and guards. The peasants regain and hide half of the grain paid for taxes and the guerrillas keep the other half. The peasants then upbraid the Communists for their failure to keep law and order. The Communists are unable to cope with these tactics because the guerrillas are hidden by the farmers.

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Comment. This is generally confirmed by Hong Kong vernacular press accounts of intensive guerrilla activities in the delta area. These guerrillas are completely independent of the Kuomintang.

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